

parte's situation; being no more than "a wheel, — the emblem," says M. Bernaud, "of the vicissitudes of human life, which the Elbese had borrowed from the Egyptian mysteries."<sup>1</sup> This is as curious a coincidence as any we ever recollect to have met; as the medals of Kiba with the emblem of the wheel are well known, we cannot but suppose that Bonaparte was aware of the circumstance; yet he, is represented as having in vain made several anxious inquiries after the ancient arms of the island.

During the first months of his residence there his life was, in general, one of characteristic activity and almost garrulous frankness. He gave dinners, went to balls, rode all day about his island, planned fortifications, aqueducts, lazarettos, harbors, and palaces; and very second day after he landed fitted out an expedition of a dozen soldiers to take possession of a little uninhabited island culled Pianosa, which lies a few leagues from Elba; on this occasion he said good-humoredly, " *Toitte V Kurope <lim qiw ftti tlfjh fntt -unr rutit/uSft\**" (All Europe will say I have already made a conquest). The cause of the island of Pianosa being left uninhabited was the marauding of the Corsairs from the coast of Barbary, against whom Bonaparte considered himself fully protected by the 4th Article of the Treaty of Fontamehseau,

The greatest wealth of Elba consists in its iron mines, for which the island was celebrated in the days of Virgil. Soon after his arrival Napoleon visited the mine in company with Colonel Campbell and being informed that they produced annually about 500,000 francs he exclaimed joyfully, "These, then, are my own!" One of his followers, however, reminded him that he had long since disposed of that revenue, having given it to his order of the Legion of Honor, to furnish pensions, etc. "Where was my hesitation when I made that grant?" said he, "but I have made many foolish decrees of that sort!"

Bir Walter Scott, in telling it a curious mistake. "To dignify his capital," said Hays, "having discovered that the ancient mine of Porto-Jerzo was

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